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Dear Harold,

Or should that be Dr. Weisberg? Thanks for sending me the material on your honorary degree, and Lil's. It's nice to see both of you getting some of the recognition you deserve.

One reason I feel bad about being so far behind in my correspondence, both with the old guard and with the newer buffs, is that I remember how helpful you were to me and others way back in the mid sixties. I would like to play that kind of role with some of the people who are just getting into the case and appreciate help from us old-timers. (I can say that now, I suppose, since I've been around almost as long as you've been married).

Here are copies of CIA ???-76 and 265-??? (or ???-265; I forget how the numbers on these early releases correspond to the later scheme.)

As I mentioned in my letter of December 10, the reference to Golitsin on p. 2 of CIA ???-76 suggests to me that he was not the source. My notes suggested that the source was indeed Peter Deriabin, who on November 26 made vaguely similar comments to the FBI. (CD 49, pp. 41-43)

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Your letter of August 28 also asked for "the CIA's proposed questions to be asked of the CIA." If you meant "KGB," I couldn't find anything. If you meant "State," I couldn't find any State Department response.

My files are not very well set up for finding things like this. I hear that the Archives now as some sort of computerized document register which can be accessed on a terminal there, and that Jim and the others at AARC are trying to arrange for broader access.

As requested in your letter of March 17, here's the memorial brochure on Robert Ranftel which I put together. (No charge to you, of course.)

I had forgotten the details of the discovery of the Bronson film, and your role in it. Robert was always amused to be thought of as the discoverer of that film, since he never saw anything of value in it.

You are right about the dangers of medication. Robert was a very well informed and careful consumer - certainly a good idea if one is getting mostly clinic care - but I think the drugs started having side effects and I suspected that when he switched medications there were some unpredictable interactions which made something worse. He tried the controversial Prozac only once, noted some bad effects, and immediately got off it.

I see that Posner said even more nice things about you than about me. When I talked with him, he did not seem to have a pre-determined agenda, and he did not take that annoying lawyerly tone of certitude. But, as Bob Callahan put it, I guess "Hung Jury" doesn't have the kind of appeal as a book title that "Case Closed" does.

All the best,

Paul

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